

REGISTER OF DEEDS



Milwaukee County

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To: MCAMLIS Steering Committee
From: John La Fave, Register of Deeds, LIO

The Milwaukee County Register of Deeds (ROD) requests authorization from the MCAMLIS Steering Committee for spending funds from the retained \$1.00 recording fee for two projects in the Register of Deeds department.

(1) Scanning "A-Card" Project

The ROD Tax Listing section possesses approximately 159,000 A-cards that contain real estate information that precede data now maintained in the computer system. There is no backup to these cards. These cards provide information as to dates of conveyance deeds that transferred ownership of parcels, along with the names of the Grantor and Grantees. Cards exist for each parcel in all the suburban municipalities. They are used daily by ROD staff, title company searchers and the general public.

This project would scan all the A-Cards to produce digital images and index some data to enable retrieval of the image. The A-Card images would then become part of the ROD real estate database and would be available to the public via ROD computers and on the Internet. The hard copy A-Cards would then be stored off site.

Register of Deeds requests authorization to spend up to \$50,000 for the "A-Card" Project.

(2) Disaster Recovery Service/Enhanced Internet Access Program

Register of Deeds would like to participate in a Disaster Recovery Service to be offered by ROD's software vendor, Fidlar Software. Currently if there were a disaster that disabled or destroyed the ROD department, recovery would take an extended period of time.

Fidlar Software's Disaster Recovery Service will provide complete, real-time data and image replication. The replication will save document information and images to a secondary environment hosted by Fidlar. Having the secondary environment reside with Fidlar will protect our information against a countywide event.

Should Milwaukee County experience a failure within our primary environment, the replicated system will provide virtually immediate recovery.

The Disaster Recovery program would also enable faster Internet access than currently exists through the County's network. This will resolve existing issues related to lack of performance.

Register of Deeds requests authorization to spend \$175,000 to purchase Fidlar's Disaster Recovery Service for a period of five years.